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25XREF:

- 1. TWO D-POS COPIES OF MISSION 1037-2 PRODUCED ON SO-255
  FILM WERE RECEIVED AND EVALUATED.
- 2. THE FOLLOWING RESULTS REFLECT A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SO-255 FILM AND THE PRESENTLY USED 8430 FILM.
- A. A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF IMAGE QUALITY WAS CONDUCTED.

  NO DIFFERENCES IN IMAGE QUALITY CONSIDERED ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE

  DIFFERENT BASE MATERIALS AND THICKNESSES WERE DETECTED BETWEEN

  SO-255 AND 8430.
- B. AN INVESTIGATION OF SO-255 FILM AND ITS USE ON IN-HOUSE EQUIPMENT HAS SHOWN NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS.
- C. A TEST FOR DIMENSIONAL DIFFERENCES ALONG AND CROSS FORMAT WAS CONDUCTED. RESULTS INDICATE SO-255 DIMENSIONS WERE LARGER BY AN AVERAGE Ø.Ø6 PERCENT LONG FORMAT AND Ø.13 PERCENT CROSS FORMAT. THIS DIFFERENCE IS CONSIDERED INSIGNIFICANT IN PROVIDING DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION WITHIN THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT.
- 3. INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS INDICATE THAT USE OF SO-255 FILM WILL BE AS ACCEPTABLE AS 8430 FILM IN FULFILLING CURRENTLY EXISTING REQUIREMENTS.

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4. ALL EVALUATIONS WERE MADE ON D-POS MATERIAL. CROSS

COMPARISON OF SO-255 AND 8430 D-POS COPIES TO THE O-NEG WERE

NOT MADE BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITATIONS.

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